

SLOVAKIA 2016

Tuesday 11th October 2016 20:45 Štadión Antona Malatinského, Trnava



Slovakia vs Scotland

Scotland travel to face Slovakia in our 2nd World Cup qualifier for Russia 2018. It will be the first time the two countries meet in a full international. ATAC expect there to be in the region of 3,600 Scotland fans in Trnava.

Most of us will be more familiar with the capital Bratislava situated in the south west of the country on the banks of the river Danube. It is the only capital city that borders on two other countries - Austria and Hungary - and is only 38 miles from the border with the Czech Republic. As a result there are many ways for Scotland fans to travel to the capital including a number travelling down the Danube by boat from Vienna.

The game will be played in the much smaller city of Trnava 32 miles to the north east of the capital. Trnava is primarily an industrial city with a population of less than 70,000. The Štadión Antona Malatinského appears to be a brand new stadium but football has been played here since 1921. It was extensively redeveloped between April 2013 and August 2015 including the adjacent shopping mall and is owned by the City of Trnava. It is an all seater UEFA four-star stadium with a total capacity of 19,200 and home to Spartak Trnava.

The Slovak national side are now based there and this is the second home game of the campaign after they lost 1-0 to England at the same time as Scotland were running rampant in Malta. They were the highest ranked 2nd seed in the qualifying draw after finishing 2nd to Spain in Group C to qualify for Euro 2016. A win over Russia and 0-0 draw with England was enough to get out of the group stages but they were eliminated in The 2nd Round by Germany 3-0.

Arriving in Slovakia

From Bratislava Airport

Bus line 61 operates to/from Central Station from 05:00 to 23:00 in the peak hours every 10 minutes, otherwise every 20 minutes. The duration of the journey from Central Station to the airport is approx. 25 minutes. Bus line 96 operates in 20 minutes intervals and drives between Airport and Petržalka. There is also Night bus line N61 available, operating every hour between 23:00 and 04:00 and covering the daily line 61. Taxi from airport to city center £12.81 – £17.08

From Vienna Airport

There is a bus direct from Vienna's International Airport to Bratislava Most SNP, this stop is more central than the main bus station. The bus takes just under an hour and leave at one- to two-hour intervals close to the half-hour. Some buses also run from Vienna city centre.

Average Temperature in October is expected to be 51-60°F

Time zone UTC+1
Currency Euro

If you need to contact the emergency services in Slovakia call 112.

Slovakia, in general, does not cater for those who are physically handicapped. Some effort is now being taken to make buildings more accessible, but the vast majority of buildings only have steps rather than ramps.



AT THE MATCH

<http://www.cityarenatrnavava.com/>

Scotland supporters will be located in the south section in blocks 15, 16 and 17 in the lower tier as well as 46, 47 and 48 in the upper tier. These blocks can be accessed through gates C and D from Kollarova Street. ATAC are aware that a significant number of Scotland fans have purchased tickets in the 'home section' of the stadium, the majority of these are in sections 12, 13 and 14 of the lower tier and 43, 44 and 45 of the upper tier. These sections can also be accessed from Kollarova Street through gates E and F.

The Slovakian authorities are aware of the above and have advised that Scottish fans will be permitted access to the home sections, provided that all other rules etc are followed.

Entry will be by electronic scanning of tickets. ATAC have been liaising with SFA Security, Police Scotland and the SSC. We are advised that turnstiles will be open two hours prior to kick off. We can expect a heavy police presence – some may even be dressed like Robocop with dogs, this however is fairly routine and fans need not be concerned. There are likely to be two security checks going in, including ticket checks and a body search, it's even possible that photographs may be taken, again this is a regular practice for matches in Slovakia. England supporters recently experienced significant delays on entering, WITH LATE ARRIVALS MISSING THE KICK OFF. With this in mind and based on the checks above



ATAC ADVISES ALL SCOTLAND FANS TO JOIN THE QUEUE TO ENTER AT LEAST ONE HOUR PRIOR TO KICK OFF.

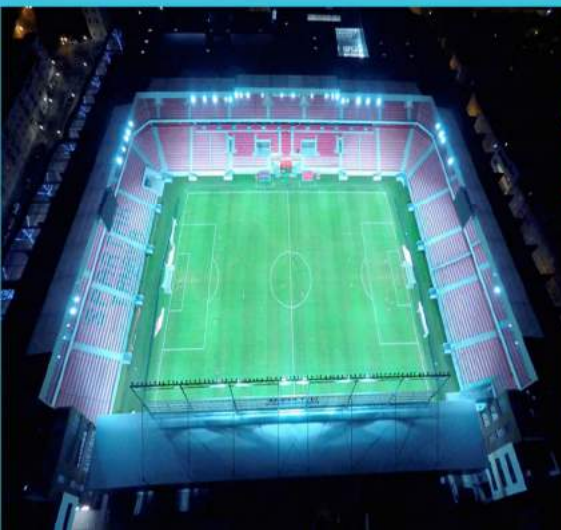
Do not attempt to enter any section for which you do not have a valid ticket.

Prohibited items are similar to Scotland with the usual list being in force, including umbrellas and larger bags. There is limited space for the display of flags in the ground and it is expected that a maximum flag size of 2m by 1.5m will be enforced by the authorities. If you are drunk or acting in an inappropriate manner you will not be permitted to enter the stadium, may be arrested and fined. The stadium is non smoking.

Scotland Fans should also be aware that there MAY be a 15 minute hold back at the end of the match.

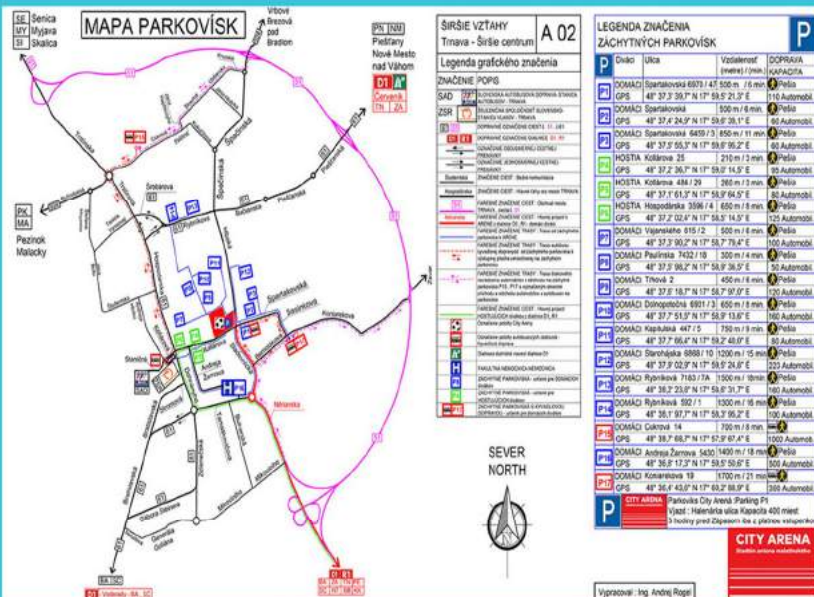
Supporters Coach Parking at the stadium

ATAC have advised that the majority of Scotland fans will be travelling to the match by supporters coach from Bratislava. The local authorities are arranging adequate parking. Specific instructions when issued by the local authorities will be distributed as soon as it is available. Convenors should follow the directions and instructions of local police and stewards – please allow adequate time to arrive, park and join the queues as many fans will obviously be unfamiliar with the stadium and the local area.



Association of Tartan Army Clubs

Trnava



Trnava has rich history as a medieval city. It was home to a university as early as the 17th century. It has also been seat of archbishop and the catholic church has influenced city during its history. There are many churches in the cities well preserved baroque city center, and has been nicknamed "little Rome". Trnava has been industrialized since beginning of 20th century. Recently it emerged as one of centers of Slovak automotive industry with big PSA Peugeot car plant built in 2005 and many smaller car components producers. Nuclear power plant is located close to the city near village Jaslovské Bohunice.

Getting there

By plane

Bratislava Airport (IATA: BTS) is the nearest commercial airport located about 40 km southward. Another close airport is Vienna International Airport (IATA: VIE).

Car

Trnava lies on the D1 freeway about 50 kilometres from Bratislava. The drive could take up to one hour depending on conditions and time of day.

Bus

The bus station is next to the main railway station close to downtown. The city has good connections with other parts of Slovakia. For city bus transport, you buy a ticket when you enter the bus, rather than from a kiosk or vending machine. The majority of Scotland fans travelling in from Bratislava on match day will be on one of approx. 40 supporters' coaches leaving Bratislava from various points throughout the day.

Train

Trnava lies on major Slovak train route (from Bratislava to Kosice). Therefore there is quite easy railway access from most major Slovak cities. Train from Bratislava takes between 30 and 50 minutes, tickets cost €2.55. At time of writing, there are no scheduled trains returning from Trnava to Bratislava after the match.

The Slovakian FA and Police are in discussions with the Rail Company, they are seeking to provide a ten carriage train after the match back to Bratislava – this capacity should fulfil the needs of fans. **THIS HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED AT TIME OF WRITING – WHEN WE KNOW WE WILL GET THE INFO OUT THERE.**

Cab

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Get around

Most points of interest can be reached from the centre by walking. Car or taxi is preferred option to reach city outskirts. Trnava has public transportation system consisting of 16 bus lines. However, their frequency and comfort are rather insufficient. There are some bicycle paths in the city.

Restaurants

Slovenská reštaurácia u Michala Orolská 5 (map D5)

Pivnica pod baštami Hlavná 45 (map C6)

Restaurant Olympia Ul. J. Bottu 11 (off map)

Santa Lucia Chicken House Pekárska 39 (map C3)

Symphony Hlavná 13 (map C4)

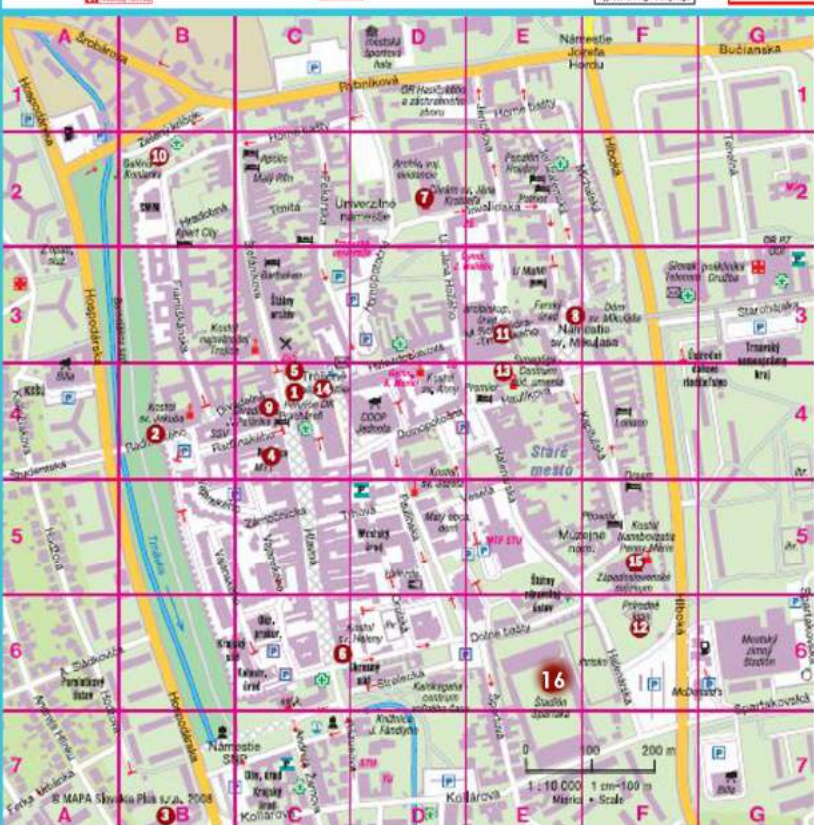
U hladného býka Štefánikova 3 (map C3)

Bars and clubs

Art klub Hlavná 17 (map C5)

Irish Pub L. Podjavorinskej 37 (map E7)

Vináreň u Jozefa Hlavná 18 (map C5)



1. Baroque Holy Trinity Column (map C4)
2. Bernolák Gate and Bastion – part of the Old Town fortifications (map B4)
3. Bus and train stations (B7/offmap)
4. City Hall (map C4)
5. City Tower / Tourist Information Centre (map C4)
6. Church of St. Helen (map C6)
7. Church of St. John the Baptist / Archbishop's Palace (map D2)
8. Church of St. Nicholas (map E3)
9. J. Palárik Theatre (map C4)
10. Ján Koniarek Gallery (map B2)
11. Mikuláš Schneider-Trnavský House of Music (map E3)
12. Open-Air Cinema (map F6)
13. Synagogue / Contemporary Arts Centre (map E4)
14. Trinity Square (map C4)
15. Museum of Western Slovakia (map F5)
16. Stadión Antona Malatinského City Arena (map E6)

BRATISLAVA



Bratislava takes its beer just as seriously as its more famous neighbour, Prague. And a new wave of independent microbreweries and pubs, often hidden down the back streets, is putting the city on the beer-drinkers' map.

Zámocký Pivovar

Almost the city's entire quota of visitors seems to huddle in and around the gothic and Renaissance-built castle. But located just 200m down the slope, adjacent to the city walls, and overlooked by most visitors, is the microbrewery Zámocký Pivovar (Zámocká 13, zamockypivovar.sk).

Meštiansky Pivovar

Just beyond the main shopping street, Obchodná, and down a side road is the surprisingly busy Meštiansky Pivovar (Drevená 8, mestianskypivovar.sk). Founded in 2010, this gargantuan, three-floored pub has tried to resurrect the magic of the long-since demolished original Bratislava brewery, which dated back to 1477.

Starosloviensky Pivovar

Starosloviensky Pivovar (Vysoká 15, staroslovienskypivovar.sk) is a much cosier affair than the previous two stops. Decked out like a Tatra mountain wood cabin, it is a celebration, not just of beer, but also of traditional Slovakian goat's cheese (bryndza).

Omama Shop Cafe

The city's university area is off the beaten track and though not as architecturally alluring as the centre, it does boast some excellent pubs. Omama Shop Cafe (Šasinkova 19), though not a microbrewery per se, does stock several local malt and wheat beers.

Pivovarský Hostinec Richtár Jakub

Also close to the university and behind a squat-like door is Pivovarský Hostinec Richtár Jakub (Moskovská 16, richtarjakub.sk), a welcoming pub, teeming with glass-chinking life. Resembling a scout hall, it is reassuringly basic.

Staromeštianska pivolačka (Sládkovičova 11)

This basement pub serves up a selection of beers from small breweries throughout Slovakia. In addition to a limited food menu, you can sample all ten draft beers for 6 euros.

Čierny pes (Na vršku 2)

Although very close to Michael's Gate, this simple basement pub serving Czech beer is hidden down a quiet side street where tourists don't venture.

Viecha U Sedliaka Pub (Obchodná 55)

Often overlooked by tourists in favour of the Slovak Pub on the opposite side on the street, this restaurant serves tasty traditional Slovak food at very cheap prices.

Dunajský Pivovar

The opposite side of the Danube is mainly residential, although the Dunajský Pivovar has excellent views of the castle and the Old town, as well as their own beer for around 2 euros. The food is both international and Slovak cuisine.

As you might expect there is an Irish bar named the **Dubliner** and a Scottish themed bar the **Lochness Pub** expect these to be busy but our man on the ground suggest they are nothing to write home about.

Munchies

Late night cheap eats such as goulash and dumplings can be found at the 24-hour diner, Hviezda, Kollarova Square 1.

ATAC has been advised that there has been a marked increase in recent times of PICKPOCKETING, as usual keep your wits about you AND your sporran under control!



Hospitals & clinics Fakultná nemocnica a poliklinika akad. L. Dobrovičovej, Limbova 3, tel. 02/ 954 1111, (emergency) Nemocnica a poliklinika Rudinec, Rudinecova 10, tel. 02/ 4433 2409, 4333 3728 (emergency) Poliklinika Karlova Vlna, Ližbá udolie 37, tel. 02/ 6542 2305, 6542 5805 (emergency) Poliklinika Tereška, Tereškova 26, tel. 02/ 4437 1406, 4437 1408 (emergency) Poliklinika Bazarová, Bazarová 5, tel. 02/ 526 2481 (emergency) Nemocnica a poliklinika Bc. Cyrilka a Metelka (Petržalka), Antolská 10, tel. 02/ 6381254, 6867 2342 (emergency)	Art galleries Domestika Modernist Art Museum, Čunovo, tel. 0903 545 235, open daily: 10:00 - 18:00 (except Mondays) 14 Biserka, Panská 41, (tel. 02/ 5443 1308, open daily: 10:00 - 18:00 (except Mondays) 15 Galéria Michal'ský Otvor, Michal'ská 3, tel. 02/ 5441 1076, open daily: 10:00 - 18:00 (except Mondays) 16 Múzeum Bratislava, Františkánska nám. 31, tel. 02/ 5443 1556, open daily: 10:00 - 17:00 (except Mondays) 17 Pútyl Palace, Panská 15, tel. 02/ 5443 3627 open daily: 10:00 - 17:00 (except Mondays) 18 Múzeum Bratislava, Rázusovo nám. 18, tel. 02/ 5443 5334, Non - Fri open: 10:00 - 17:00, Saturday: 10:00 - 18:00 19 Slovak National Gallery, Rázusovo nám., tel. 02/ 5443 2081, open daily: 10:00 - 18:00 (except Mondays) 20 Slovak Artists' Club, Dostojevského red 2, open daily: 10:00 - 18:00 (except Mondays)	Cultural institutes 31 Austrian Institute, Železná 7, tel. 5443 2965, Closed Sat., Sun. 32 British Council, Panská 17, tel. 5443 1074 Information, Teaching Centre. 33 Czech Centre, Hviezdoslavovo nám. 4, tel. 5920 3305 Library 34 French Cultural Institute, Sedlárska 7, tel. 5934 7777, Gallery: 9:30-13:00 and 14:00-18:00 35 Goethe Institute, Panská 33, tel. 5443 3139, Open: Mon-Thu 9:00-12:00, Fri-Sat 10:00-12:00 36 Hungarian Cultural Institute, Panská 54, tel. 5244 2962 37 Italian Cultural Institute, Kapucínska 7, tel. 5441 0482 38 Nám. SNP 27, tel. 5442 2013 39 Russian Centre of Science & Culture, Fr. Kráľ 2, tel. 5441 1468
Churches 21 Basilica of St. Elizabeth's, Bezzelova 2 22 St. Martin's Cathedral, Rudinecova nám. 23 Capucin Church, Kapucínska 2 24 Franciscan Church, Františkánska nám. 1 25 Small Lutheran Church, Panská 26/28 26 Synagogue, Hviezdoslavovo nám. 11-13 27 Trinitarian Church, Hviezdoslavovo nám.	Historical sights 21 Primas's Palace, Primacká nám. 1, The seat of the City Mayor and City government 22 Old Town Hall, Hviezdoslavovo nám. 1 23 Old Town Hall in the Bratislava Municipal Museum 24 Remaining gate from the old medieval fortification 25 Grassalkovich Palace, Hviezdoslavovo nám. 1 26 Residence of the Slovak President 27 Zaty Palace, Vajnarská 9 28 Slovak Memorial, Starý 29 Cemetery park with graves of fallen Soviet soldiers 30 Archbishop's summer palace, Námestie Slobody, Residence of the Government of the Slovak Republic 31 Bratislava Castle, Bratislava Castle, tel. 02/ 5034 1601	Important telephone numbers International call code for Bratislava, tel. 00 421 2 Fire Alarm tel. 150, Ambulance tel. 155, Police tel. 158 Bus Transport (Inquiries), tel. 0044 222 222 Slovak Rail (Inquiries), tel. 02/ 5058 7565 Airport Bratislava (Inquiries), tel. 02/ 4557 3353 Consular Inquiries in Slovakia, tel. 1181 International Directory Inquiries, tel. 12 140 11 Synagogue, Hviezdoslavovo nám. 11-13 12 Main Post Office, Nám. SNP 35, tel. 02/ 5939 3111 (Mon-Fri: 7:00 - 20:00, Sat: 9:00 - 19:00, Sun: 9:00 - 14:00)



WINNING WORDS

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Hello (informal)
Hello (formal)
Good Evening
1 beer please
2 beers please
3 beers please
I am called
What is your name?
Where are the toilets please?
Does this restaurant have a special dish?
Do you have a vegetarian option on the menu?
I am looking for the station
Is this the train for Trnava?
Is there somewhere you can recommend for
breakfast / lunch / dinner?
Can you direct me to the British embassy please?

Where is the nearest karaoke bar?
What time do you close?
How's it going darling?
All the women in Slovakia are lovely, but you
are the most beautiful yet

ž is pronounced as the 's' in pleasure
Ch is pronounced like 'Ch' in Loch

Ahoj
dobrý deň
Dobrý večer
Jedno pivo, prosím
Dve piva, prosím
Tri piva, prosím
Volám sa
Ako sa voláš?
Kde je záchod?
Máte špecialitu podniku?
Máte vegetariánsku verziu?
Kde je stanica?
Ide fento vlak do Trnavy?
Môžte mi doporučiť miesto na
raňajky/ obed/ večeru?
Môžte ma navigovať na Britskú
ambasádu?
Kde je najbližší karaoke bar?
O koľkej zatvárate?
Ako sa máš, zlatko?
Všetky ženy na Slovensku sú krásne,
ale ty si z nich najrajšia.

(A-hoy)
(Dob-ree denn)
(Dob-ree vech-er)
(yed-no pee-vo, pro-seem)
(dvay pee-va, pro-seem)
(tre pee-va, pro-seem)
(vo-laam sa)
(a-ko sa vo-laash)
(Kday ye zaa-chod)
(Maa-tay special-eetu pod-neekoo)
(Maa-tay veggie-tarreen-skoo ver-zee-oo)
(Kday ye stan-eetsa)
(Eday fen-to do Trn-avee)
(Maw-stay me dop-oru-cheett mee-es-tow
na rann-i-kee / au-bed / vech-eroo)
(Maw-stay ma navi-govaatt na Brit-skoo
am-bas-aadoo)
(Kday yeah nybliee-ž-shee kara-okee bar)
(O kol-kay zat-vaarate)
(Ako sa mash, zlat-ko)
(Vsh-et-key ženee na Slo-ven-skoo so
kraas-nay, ale tea see z nich ny-ya-ry-sheea)



TARTAN ARMY SUNSHINE APPEAL

The Tartan Army Sunshine Appeals donation is to Zippy's Friends in Slovakia. They will be meeting the staff of the organisation at the offices of the League of mental health for children at 10.30am on Tuesday 11th October where a press conference will be held by the charity. After this, there will be a visit of the BESST School in Trnava to meet some of the children and their families who will benefit from the donation. There is space for up to 25 TA to attend, so if you are interested in joining up, contact TASA at info@tasunshineappeal.co.uk or via facebook.

INFORMATION



SSC Ticket Collection

The SSC are in the process of securing a location in Bratislava Old Town for ticket distribution, this location will be used on Monday evening and Tuesday morning. There will also be a pick up point at the stadium in Trnava. This match will see an increased number of 'random collections', this will be 25% of the official allocation. The detail will be circulated by the SSC.

ATAC advises all supporters selected for or have opted to collect, to try and do so in Bratislava, given the numbers involved it will reduce pressure and time at the stadium, the stadium collection point is adjacent to the entry gates – it will be busy! Help everyone by picking up in Bratislava if you can.

Bratislava food and drink prices GBP

Food type	Price
Budget breakfast	£1.71 – 2.99
Budget lunch	Dumplings and soup are among the cheap local dishes that are also filling. £2.56 – 5.12
Budget dinner	Most restaurants are international rather than Slovak, but good deals are possible if you look around. £4.27 – 7.69
Beer (.5l)	The local lager can be quite cheap if you avoid touristy places. £1.28 – 2.5

Local Laws and Customs

It is an offence in Bratislava Old Town to drink alcohol in the street. There may be exceptions for seasonal markets (such as the Christmas Market) and outside seating areas of restaurants and bars. But drinking alcohol (for example bought in a supermarket) in other public areas could result in a fine of €33.

Unruly or rowdy behaviour between 22:00 and 06:00 is illegal and could attract the attention of the police. Bratislava has become a popular destination for stag parties and tourists have been fined or imprisoned for causing a public nuisance.

You must carry your passport with you at all times as identification.

Urgent assistance

To contact the emergency services in Slovakia call 112.

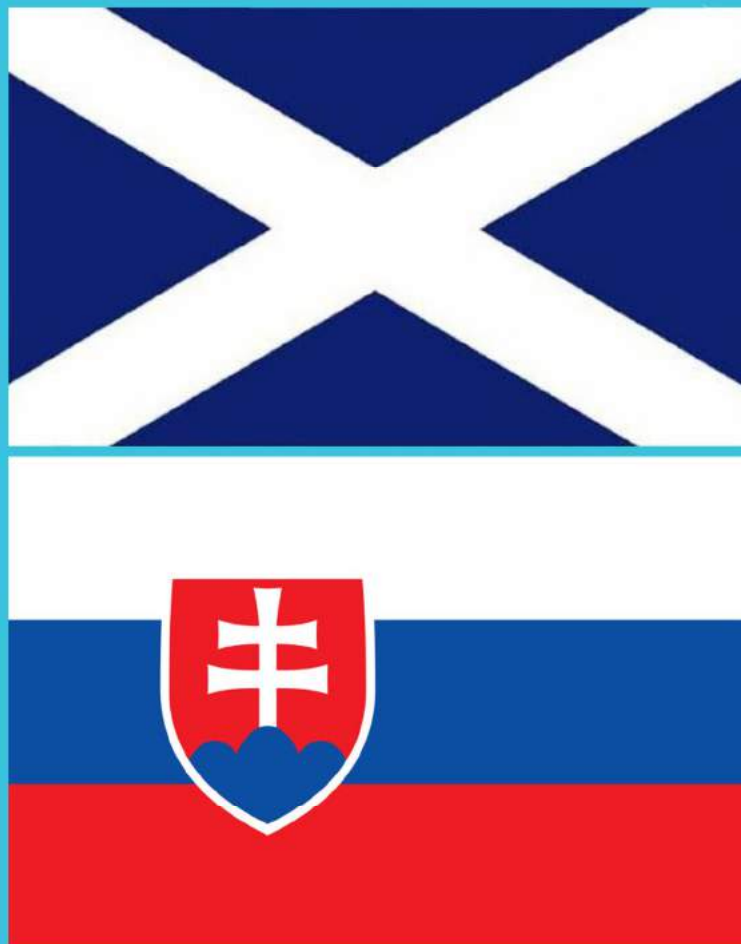
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If you're in Slovakia and you urgently need help (eg if you've been attacked, arrested or there has been a death), call the British Embassy on +421 2 5998 20 00.

Updates

Whilst ATAC have done everything possible to ensure all the information in this guide is as up to date and as accurate as possible things are subject to change. If any new information or corrections are brought to our attention it will be published on our website and social medias as quickly as possible. Details can be found at the bottom of this page.



Thanks

ATAC would like to thank the following web sites and organisations for information in this Sporrán Guide.

Scottish Football Association
www.greengoulash.com - David Wildridge
whatsonslovakia.com
www.fsf.org.uk - England Football Supporters' Federation
travel.spectator.sme.sk
www.cityarenatrnava.com
www.cp.sk
www.theguardian.com
www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/slovakia

We hope that you have found this useful and intend it to be the first of many Sporrán Guides. If you have any feedback or information you think would be useful for upcoming matches then get in contact with us via one of the social media channels on the foot of this page or by email to info@associationoftartanarmyclubs.com

All that is needed now is 3 points for Scotland. Have a safe and enjoyable trip.

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